

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Elsie Arntzen, on March 10, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 117, 2/25/2015; HB 358, 2/25/2015; HB 449, 2/25/2015

Executive Action: HB 102, HB 225, HB 285

Chairman Buttrey is excused to present bills he is sponsoring; Vice Chair Arntzen assumed the position of Chair.

HEARING ON HB 449

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 449. Require fiscal notes to include business impact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:58 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:04:47 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:57 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office (GOV)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:23 Sen. Facey
00:09:48 Vice Chair Arntzen
00:09:57 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:10:23 Vice Chair Arntzen
00:10:30 Rep. Wagoner
00:10:50 Vice Chair Arntzen
00:12:10 Mr. Evans, GOV
00:13:30 Sen. Facey
00:13:55 Vice Chair Arntzen
00:16:20 Mr. Evans

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:25 Rep. Wagoner
00:19:00 Vice Chair Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:34 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 358. Generally revise laws related to licensed addiction counselors.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:02 Linda Rogers, president, Montana Association for Addiction Counselors

00:24:18 Vonnie Brown, member, Licensed Addiction Counselors (LAC)

EXHIBIT(bus49a01)

00:28:06 Mike Ruppert, retired CEO, Boyd Andrew Community Services; president,
Montana Addiction Service Providers

00:28:50 Sen. Jill Cohenour, SD 2

EXHIBIT(bus49a02)

00:29:11 Margaret Shea, licensed addiction counselor; licensed clinical social worker

00:30:50 John Wilkinson, National Association of Social Workers Montana; Licensed
Clinical Professional Counselor Association; American Association for Marriage
and Family Therapy

00:33:03 Mona Jamison, Boyd Andrew Community Services, Montana Addiction Service
Providers

00:34:14 Sen. Buttrey entered the hearing and assumed the position of chair.

00:35:24 Amy Tenney, CEO, Boyd Andrew Community Services

00:35:54 Aimee Grmoljez, Vermont Foundation

00:36:32 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:00 Sen. Facey

00:37:11 Ms. Bovington, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:27 Rep. Lynch

HEARING ON HB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:08 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 117. Address
unlicensed practice for certain licensing boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:56 John Gordon, licensed journeyman electrician; member, Montana Electrical
Board (MEB)

00:44:21 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors

00:45:16 Scott Lemert, vice president, Plumbing Board

00:45:39 Margaret Morgan, Independent Electrical Contractors

00:46:47 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

00:46:58 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #233

00:49:04 Bill Bentley, executive manager, Montana Chapter Independent Electrical Contractors

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:33 Sen. Whitford
00:49:45 Mr. Gordon, MEB
00:51:17 Sen. Whitford
00:51:24 Ms. Bovington, DLI
00:52:10 Sen. Facey
00:52:14 Rep. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:43 Rep. Lynch
00:53:06 Chairman Buttrey

00:53:19 Recess
01:08:32 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 102

01:08:38 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 102 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:09:04 Chairman Buttrey
[EXHIBIT\(bus49a03\)](#)

01:09:17 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 102 BE AMENDED.**

01:09:34 Sen. Facey

01:09:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

01:10:00 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 102 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:10:10 Sen. Facey
01:11:10 Sen. Arntzen

01:11:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 225

01:11:36 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 225 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:12:00 Chairman Buttrey

01:12:09 Sen. Connell

01:12:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 285

01:13:12 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 102 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:13:25 Chairman Buttrey

[EXHIBIT\(bus49a04\)](#)

01:13:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 102 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

01:14:12 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 285 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:14:23 Sen. Brown

01:15:03 Sen. Facey

01:15:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Malek will carry the bill.

01:15:36 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:17 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus49aad.pdf](#))